GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), the then DFO, SF Division Kadapa under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Punishment of "withholding of 1% pension for a period of 2 years from the date of retirement besides recovery of Rs.1,08,328/- towards 25% of the total loss caused to Government against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), earlier DFO., SF Division Kadapa – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCEINCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.78 **Dated. 29.12.2023.**

Read the following:

1) G.O.Rt.No.4, E.F.S. & T (For.IV) Department, dated 05.01.2018.
2) G.O.Rt.No.97, E.F.S. &T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 12.11.2019.
3) G.O.Rt.No.98, E.F.S. &T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 12.11.2019.
4) G.O.Rt.No.30, E.F.S. & T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 31.03.2021.
5) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur, Letter Rc.No.14817/2016/A&DC-3, dated 27.06.2022.
6) Govt. Memo.No.4470/Sec.IV/A2/2016, E.F.S. & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 25.08.2022.
7) Written Representation of charged officer Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), dated 15.11.2022.
8) Govt. Memo.No.4470/Sec.IV/A2/2016, E.F.S. & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 10.03.2023.
9) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Ref.No.14817/2016/A&DC-3, dated 18.07.2023.

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In the reference 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated by issuing Articles of Charges against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), earlier DFO., SF Division Kadapa under Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the following counts: -

Article-I:	"*That* Sri T. Narasimhulu, working as Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kadapa, has failed to supervise the execution of works resulting in failure of 400 Nos Red Sander beds at Machupally Nursery during the year 2014-15 under M.G.N.R.E.G. Scheme which resulted in huge financial loss to the Government".
Article-II:	"*That* Sri T. Narasimhulu, working as Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kadapa has failed to supervise the execution of works resulting in not raising the Tall plants properly at Kamalapuram Nursery during 2014-15 under MGNREGS".
Article-III:	"*That* Sri T. Narasimhulu, working as Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kadapa, has failed to supervise the execution of works resulting in not raising the tall plants properly at Buggadam Nursery during 2014-15 under MGNREGS".
Article-IV:	"*That* Sri T. Narasimhulu, working as Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kadapa, has shown lack of supervision resulting missing of Rotavator from Maddimadugu nursery".

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2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charges on 26.02.2018 and submitted his written defence statement on 27.05.2019. Not satisfied with the explanation and since more than two officers were involved in this case, orders have been issued appointing Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle as Common Inquiry Officer and Sri B. Vijaya Kumar, DFO, S.F. Division, Guntur as Presenting Officer for conducting regular enquiry into charges framed against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), the then DFO, S.F. Division, Kadapa and 4 others in the G.Os. 2nd and 3rd read above, respectively.

3. In the reference 4th read above, orders have been issued, appointing Sri Alan Chong Teron, IFS., DFO, Kurnool as Presenting Officer in place of Sri B. Vijaya Kumar, DFO, S.F. Division, Guntur.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur has furnished the findings of Conservator of Forests & Inquiry Officer, Kurnool, in which the Inquiry Officer has concluded that "out of (4) charges, only Charge-1 is proved against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), the then DFO, S.F. Division, Kadapa.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer, Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.) through PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Guntur for submission of his representation.

6. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Govt. Memo on 10.11.2022 and in the reference 7th read above, he has submitted a written representation on the findings of Inquiry Officer and requested to exonerate the charge-I framed against him.

7. Since Government is the disciplinary authority for Dy.CF cadre and the Charged Officer was retired from the Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2019, the disciplinary proceedings were continued under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. After examining the entire issue, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the written representation of the charged officer, it has been decided to impose a penalty of "1% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" from the date of his retirement besides recovery of Rs.1,08,328/- towards 25% of the loss caused to the Government for the supervisory lapses and also not reporting the facts to the higher authorities against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), earlier DFO., SF Division Kadapa. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, a show-cause notice has been issued to the Charged Officer through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri on the proposed punishment.

9. In the reference 9th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has furnished the written representation of the Charged Officer on 10.05.2023 to the show-cause notice, wherein the Charged Officer has requested to drop the punishment of 1% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against him, in the interest of natural justice. Government after careful examination of the written representation of the Charged Officer have observed that the individual has not put-forth any valid points to consider his written representation.

10. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding "1% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" from the date of his retirement besides recovery of

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Rs.1,08,328/- towards 25% of the loss caused to the Government for the supervisory lapses and also not reporting the facts to the higher authorities against Sri T. Narasimhulu, Dy.CF (Retd.), the then DFO, SF Division Kadapa under Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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